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Dear Harry

I was with pleasure that I heard
my friend with his company had march'd for
Providence, a measure which will give the
neighb'ry states a good opinion of your
method of Discipline. I know you will
want no stimulus to keep up the strict
Rules of propriety in your Company, and tho'
from principles of equality the rigid part of
discipline must be omitted yet I am sure
the young Gentleman comprising your corps
will take a pride in behaving with all
that decorum so necessary to establish the
reputation of good soldiers, in which light
they must at present view themselves.

You may often remember to
have ^{heard} me speak of the Gentleman
who compose the small Corps of light Horse
in our low State on the other side the Delaware

they were some of the first Citizens of Philadelphia
and yet did not think themselves too good to
perform the meanest duties of Soldiers — they
betch'd their own provisons, and if they did
not look it yet something very like it, they
took care of their own Horses, and as a
Reward of their virtue, they had the
esteem and love of every man of sentiment
in the army — I mention these things
because I have heard that my brother
Brother, prouded to think that he was
to do the duty of a common Soldier, and
I wish you to shew him these sentiments
inform him. I shoud have written to
him. But this is the 15th letter I have
written this morning and the post is
planning me to despatch him.

O.
Col^o Lee and Mr Tracy are here
at present, Col^o Bowering is appointed
Adjutant General

Col. Lee says that the General will not allow
him pay for the offices appointed after he got
into Massachusetts, if the Regt do not soon
be ^{esp. before} Colonel. Henry ~~of~~ ^{of} the Regt. be recalled
and has his desire granted, the Genl. has
written very ^{kindly} to the Govt to have
yours and Lee's paid immediately, and has
written they may for the present be
stationed at Boston, — this together with
one Battalion being ^{left} behind will I hope
operate in their generosity —

God preserve you
My dear friend
Wm. C.

A Capt. of Col. Lee's Regt. went
out upon a scout two days ago when
he and all his party along ~~go~~ were killed
Col. Lee ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~left~~ ^{left} —

